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MILWAUKEE POLICE ANNOUNCE VIOLENT CRIME DROPS 10% IN 2008

Violent crime in Milwaukee dropped 10 percent in 2008 and major crimes as a whole were down 6 percent, according to figures released by Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn and Mayor Tom Barrett today.

“The numbers we shared today are more than solely numbers – they represent 3,000 fewer crime victims in Milwaukee. They show that focused policing efforts and our strong community partnerships are saving lives and are preventing crimes,” Chief Flynn said. “Our core mission is to create neighborhoods capable of sustaining civic life and I am gratified to see that our data show that we are having a significant effect on people’s lives.”

“The cooperation among police officers, the clergy, community agencies and all members of the community has led to some very gratifying results that show a true picture of the safety of our city,” Mayor Barrett said.

MPD reported reductions across the board in violent crime – a 32 percent drop in homicides, a 10 percent decrease in robberies and a 9.5 percent drop in aggravated assault.

In the category of property crime, arson is down 9.5 percent and theft is down about 4 percent. Auto theft marked a dramatic change – down nearly 16 percent. Burglaries were up 2 percent, but that is a big improvement over the 9 percent increase MPD reported at the six-month mark. Each reduction represents a crime that did not happen; a person who was not a victim.

In 2008, MPD created and launched the Neighborhood Task Force, made data analysis a priority, worked with partner law enforcement agencies and continued to build on our relationships with community advocates.

We invite you to share our success stories on a daily basis by going to the Milwaukee Police Department Web site at www.milwaukee.gov/police and looking to the “MPD in the News” section for good work by our officers.

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Index crime statistics for 2007 and 2008

WIBRS (Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting System) data cannot be compared to UCR (Uniform Crime Report) data.

UCR data only counts the highest-level crime as an incident and WIBRS counts all lesser offenses in an incident as separate incidents.

Milwaukee records and reports all data in IBR and the WI Office of Justice Assistance converts this IBR data back into UCR values as seen below.

Due to the nature of Incident Based Reporting, these values are subject to change for up to two years from the Reported Date.

Derived Uniform Crime Statistics

Years	2007 Quarter 1	2008 Quarter 1	2007 Quarter 2	2008 Quarter 2	2007 Quarter 3	2008 Quarter 3	2007 Quarter 4	2008 Quarter 4	2007 Total	2008 Total	% Change
Homicide	26	14	22	19	29	23	28	15	105	71	-32.4%
Rape	57	40	67	47	47	79	65	66	236	232	-1.7%
Robbery	852	670	756	722	937	946	991	836	3,536	3,174	-10.2%
Aggravated Assault*	1,003	756	1,209	1,169	1,149	1,132	825	731	4,186	3,788	-9.5%
Total Violent Crime	1,938	1,480	2,054	1,957	2,162	2,180	1,909	1,648	8,063	7,265	-9.9%
Burglary	1,204	1,251	1,416	1,629	1,869	1,750	1,731	1,719	6,220	6,349	2.1%
Theft	5,600	5,168	5,939	6,367	6,626	6,682	6,243	5,168	24,408	23,385	-4.2%
Auto Theft	1,953	1,529	1,767	1,814	2,068	1,885	1,966	1,306	7,754	6,534	-15.7%
Arson	71	54	81	83	109	106	88	73	349	316	-9.5%
Total Property Crime	8,828	8,002	9,203	9,893	10,672	10,423	10,028	8,266	38,731	36,584	-5.5%
Grand Totals	10,766	9,482	11,257	11,850	12,834	12,603	11,937	9,914	46,794	43,849	-6.3%

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*The assault category reflects **aggravated** assaults only. No simple assaults are included.

December Citation Data from Duncan Solutions was incomplete at this time, thus some crime types may see an increase later.

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